

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yasuhiko (nmi) Aoki et al.
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Examiner: David S. Kim
Group Art Unit: 2613
Title: Coupler-Based Optical Cross-Connect

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Response Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.